

PORT AND RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

A regular meeting was held on **December 16, 2013** at the Brown County Materials Recycling Facility, 2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Solid Waste Board Chair John Katers at 2:19 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: John Katers, Chair
Mark Vanden Busch, Vice-Chair
Lisa Bauer-Lotto
John Kennedy
Mike Van Lanen
Norb Dantine, Treasurer
Dave Landwehr
Bud Harris
Ray Kopish

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County
Chad Doverspike, Brown County
Mark Walter, Brown County
Bill Eisch, Great American Disposal
Kyle Sandmire, UWGB Student

3. Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Van Lanen and seconded by Norb Dantine. Unanimously approved.

4. Approval/Modification – Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2013

John Katers asked to modify the meeting minutes to note that additional information was requested from WEE Coop at the October 21, 2013 meeting. **A motion to approve the minutes as modified was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Ray Kopish. Unanimously approved.**

5. Recycling Storage Capacity and Compactor Analysis - Request for Approval

Sloan Vazquez LLC, the consultants for the Tri-County Recycling Facility, prepared an analysis for the department's tipping floor storage capacity. For a few years, staff has had concerns about the storage capacity, specialized high reach front-end loader, number of service doors, etc. Sometimes the floor is so full that doors are damaged, issues with the front loader and trucks that are waiting to dump with the limited amount of doors available. The analysis determined that there is ample storage capacity and that the problem lies with hauling and processing at the Tri-County Recycling Facility. Staff looked into compacting the loads and it looked very favorable. Sloan Vazquez looked at this and determined there would be a 3.9 year payback (savings of about \$70,000 per year). Staff is asking to hire an engineering firm to put together the specifics, installation and any building modifications necessary. The intent is to save money and resolve multiple issues.

Transportation of recyclables from Brown County to the Tri-County Recycling Facility is a cost covered by all three counties. Brown County has proposed paying for the installation with the Tri-County Recycling Facility repaying Brown County once sufficient retained earnings are accumulated after the current expansion is completed.

A motion was made to hire a consultant to evaluate and design the compactor installation for the Recycling Transfer Station was made by Mike Van Lanen and seconded by John Katers. Unanimously approved.

6. Solid Waste & Recycling Transfer Station Hauling Contract– Request for Approval

In August, the department received notice from Badgerland Express (current hauler) that they filed for bankruptcy. At that time staff met with Badgerland to determine short and long term contingencies. Short term contingency plans were put in place with Kreilkamp Trucking, Great American Disposal and Edler Brothers providing supplemental hauling of garbage. Long term contingency plans included preparing a Request for Quotes (RFQ) for a new hauler. The RFQ was issued and posted. In September, the department was prepared to award when a letter from the US Eastern Bankruptcy Court was received issuing an automatic stay. Brown County then filed a motion for relief of the automatic stay because Badgerland was not meeting the service needs of the contract. Only 50%-55% of the refuse is currently being hauled by Badgerland, with the remaining needs being met by short term contingency contractors. Badgerland was also behind on maintenance and repairs.

In November, Brown County received relief from the stay. The Bankruptcy Court recognized that the department should not be held to the contract and the department should be let out from underneath it, but only as related to the Solid Waste Transfer Station. At the Recycling Transfer Station, Badgerland continues

to meet the needs of Brown County. The department is asking for approval to issue a contract for Solid Waste Transfer Station Hauling effective February 1, 2014. Great American Disposal was the lowest cost competent service provider and has passed the financial analysis. The current contract for Recycling Transfer Station Hauling expires June 29, 2014. The contract for recycling hauling with GAD will be effective June 30, 2014.

A motion to approve the Solid Waste & Recycling Transfer Station Hauling Contract for five (5) years with Great American Disposal was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Mike Van Lanen. Unanimously approved.

7. Fox River Fiber Sludge Hauling Contract – Request for Approval

Currently the department uses E & G Trucking for hauling of Fox River Fiber secondary sludge to the BOW Landfill to be used as alternative daily cover. The existing contract has reached its term. A new Request For Quotes (RFQ) was released and included a financial analysis similar to the recycling and solid waste hauling contract. As part of the Tri-County agreement, the department's responsibility is to procure the hauling. The department would like to execute a new the contract with the lowest competent service provider E & G Trucking. E & G Trucking has also passed the financial analysis.

A motion to approve Sludge Hauling Contract for a period of five (5) years with E & G Trucking for was made by John Katers and seconded by John Kennedy. Unanimously approved.

8. HHW Grants – Update

Brown County received \$7,500 for Ag Grant (50% can be transferred to the HHW Grant), a \$10,000 HHW Grant (partnership with Shawano) and a \$7,800 Rx Grant (partnerships with Marinette, Oconto, Green Bay and Ashwaubenon).

A motion to receive and place on file was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by John Katers. Unanimously approved.

9. Drop-off Organics Recycling Project – Update

As an outcome from the Waste Stream Committee, staff is researching the concept of a drop-off organics recycling project. Kyle Sandmire, a UWGB graduate student is conducting the research on organics recycling. Kyle did a literature view on what communities do with their organic materials. In an effort to start slowly, the Department directed Kyle to focus on drop-off recycling programs. At least 18 communities from around the country who currently have drop off collection programs are being surveyed. The survey sent to these communities asked for information on costs, how the programs operate and the results they get from the drop-off collections.

10. Director's Report

Recycling commodity prices are down for the 3rd Quarter 2013 Single Stream Recycling Activity. Commodity pricing is 20% less than 2012 but the tonnages are up.

The WIRMC conference is in Green Bay again February 26th - 28th. The department will pay for Solid Waste Board members interested in attending.

2014 travel expense reimbursement forms were passed out.

Phil Stecker, Director at Outagamie Solid Waste Department has announced his retirement effective February 2014. Phil would be the last remaining of three directors who have signed the original BOW Agreement and formed the partnerships.

A meeting is being scheduled with the city of Green Bay (Steve Grenier and others) to advance our discussion on a Solid Waste Management Services Agreement.

11. Such other Matters as Authorized by Law

No other matters.

12. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by John Katers. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:01 pm.

John Katers, Chair
Solid Waste Board

Dean Haen, Director
Port & Resource Recovery Department